

WHOLE life FULL heart



JOIN US ON A FOUR-WEEK WESLEYAN STEWARDSHIP JOURNEY
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Relocating and Repositioning your LIFE with a full HEART:

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This four-week series guides us on a practical and biblical journey from receiving God's grace to living generously in every area of life. We are called to stop, discern, relocate, reposition and anchor

ourselves in God as we continue the journey. The Church is like a ship at sea, carrying the precious cargo of the Gospel while navigating powerful winds, changing currents and storms. The answer is not to abandon the ship, but to keep her on course.

Rooted in the conviction that God owns and provides all things, the sessions explore how disciples respond with love, sacrifice and joy; how churches nurture generosity through fellowship, compassion and mission; and how leaders model, teach and sustain a culture of faithful stewardship.

Theme	Core Principles
Week 1: God Is Generous	1. God owns everything 2. God provides enough 3. God gave Jesus
Week 2: Disciples Become Generous	4. Disciples respond lovingly 5. Disciples live sacrificially 6. Disciples find joy
Week 3: Churches Grow Generosity	7. Giving builds family 8. Giving loves neighbors 9. Giving reaches the lost
Week 4: Leaders Shape Generosity	10. Leaders go first 11. Leaders teach generosity 12. Leaders celebrate sustainability

Through Scripture, reflection, discussion and practical activities, participants will be encouraged to recognize every gift and resource as entrusted by God and to use them responsibly in service of the Church, their neighbors and God's mission.

The series is structured around **12 Biblical Generosity Core Principles**, grouped into four thematic clusters reflecting the nature of generosity in discipleship and leadership.

As we begin this journey, may we open our whole lives and full hearts to God's renewing work. May this series help us realign our priorities, strengthen our discipleship and grow together as a generous people who reflect God's grace in practical, joyful and faithful ways.

HOME GROUPS AND CLASSES GUIDE:

1. Open in Worship and Prayer: this is to invite God into the meeting. For example, you can light a candle, sing together, or use a YouTube Hymn or song.
2. Open your Bibles and read the Bible verses for this week (take turns?) see below.
3. Reflect on the Bible verses and the reflection written by a Minister or Lay Preacher.
4. Connect with each other and take the reflection deeper by answering the Questions.
5. Works out: Practical Activity. Keep each other accountable for promises made or important steps taken. Pray for and over each other (after taking prayer requests).

Week 3: Churches Grow Generosity

Week 3 Summary: This week considers how communal generosity builds fellowship, serves neighbors and advances mission. Its objective is to strengthen the church as an accountable, compassionate and welcoming family whose shared resources bear witness to the gospel.

WORSHIP SONG:

They'll know we are Christians by our love -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PFUowm_Ygp4&list=RDPFUowm_Ygp4&start_radio=1

KEY SCRIPTURE & STORIES: Acts 4:32-37, Luke 10:25-37 (Good Samaritan),
Luke 15:11-24 (Prodigal Son)

REFLECTION ON THE BIBLE VERSES: Rev Thabiso Mcinga

Luke 10:25–37 - When we read the story of the Good Samaritan, we can't help but feel a little overwhelmed. A man is beaten and left for dead. A priest and a temple worker walk right by him. But a Samaritan, a man from a group that was hated by the Jews, stops. He bandages the man's wounds, puts him on his own donkey, takes him to an inn, and pays for his care. He even promises to come back and pay more if needed. That story, found in Luke 10:25-37, is Jesus' answer to the question, "*Who is my neighbour?*" His point is simple: everyone is our neighbour. And the kind of love God wants us to have is not just a feeling; it's an action. It's generous, sacrificial, and holds nothing back. So, what does this have to do with a church? A church is not a building. It's a group of people who are trying to follow Jesus.

Generosity grows when we see people, not problems. The priest and the temple worker saw a problem and crossed to the other side of the road. The Samaritan saw a *person*. In a church, when we stop seeing the homeless man as a nuisance, the single mom as a project, or the struggling family as a drain on resources, and instead see them as our neighbours, our hearts change. We want to help.

Generosity grows when we use what we have. The Samaritan didn't have a team of doctors or a hospital. He had oil, wine, bandages, a donkey, and some money. That was enough. In a church, we might not have millions of rands, but we have time, skills, a car, a spare room, a listening ear, and a few dollars. When we offer what we have, God multiplies it.

Generosity grows when we go out of our way. The Samaritan went out of his way. He got his hands dirty. He interrupted his own journey. A generous church is not one that just writes a cheque from a distance. It's one where people get involved. They cook meals, visit the sick, mentor kids, and mow a widow's lawn. It's messy and inconvenient, but that's where the growth happens.

Generosity grows when we don't expect anything back. The Samaritan didn't ask the man for his insurance card. He didn't expect a thank you note. He just gave. A church that grows generous is a church that gives because it's the right thing to do, not to get a tax break or a pat on the back.

When a church family lives like this, something incredible happens. The people inside the church become more like Jesus. And then neighbours, strangers, and those who are hurting see a love that is real and different. They are drawn to it. They want to be part of a community that cares like that. That's how churches grow, not just in numbers, but in love, because that love shows up as generosity. So, who is the person on your road today? And what do you have in your hand to help? Therefore, as churches, may we become communities where generosity is not only preached from the pulpit but also practised in our daily lives. In doing so, we show the love of Christ to the world.

SMALL-GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Does the way we use our church's resources reflect God's love, justice and concern for the vulnerable? Why or why not?
2. What is one practical act of generosity we can commit to doing together in the coming week or month?
3. How do we overcome fear, scarcity, and self-interest to become a church that gives and serves with faith?

WEEKLY PRACTICAL ACTIVITY: NEIGHBOR-LOVE PROJECT

Purpose: Grow generosity as a church family by noticing needs, serving neighbors and making God's welcome visible.

1. As a group, identify one realistic need within the congregation or local community.
2. Agree on one collective response that uses the group's shared time, skills, relationships or finances.
3. Assign responsibilities, complete the act during the week and ensure the person or community is treated with dignity.
4. At the next gathering, reflect on how the activity strengthened fellowship, crossed boundaries and supported the church's mission.

DAILY DEVOTIONS: WEEK 3

MONDAY — Memory Verse: *"All the believers were one in heart and mind."* — Acts 4:32

Prayer: Holy Spirit, deepen our unity as Your people. Help us share one heart, notice one another's needs and respond with compassion.

TUESDAY — Memory Verse: *"No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had."* — Acts 4:32

Prayer: Lord, loosen my grip on what I call mine. Teach me to share willingly for the good of Your people.

WEDNESDAY — Memory Verse: *"He went to him and bandaged his wounds."* — Luke 10:34

Prayer: Jesus, help me recognize the neighbor I might overlook. Give me courage to draw near and offer practical, compassionate care.

THURSDAY — Memory Verse: *"There were no needy persons among them."* — Acts 4:34

Prayer: Father, make our church a family where needs are noticed, burdens are shared and no one is left to suffer alone.

FRIDAY — Memory Verse: *"While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him."* — Luke 15:20

Prayer: God of welcome, fill me with compassion and teach me to reflect Your grace through forgiveness, restoration and joyful welcome.

SATURDAY — Memory Verse: *"Go and do likewise."* — Luke 10:37

Prayer: Lord, move me beyond good intentions. Guide me to use my gifts and resources in a practical act of neighbor-love today.

SUNDAY — Memory Verse: *"We had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again."* — Luke 15:32

Prayer: Lord, form us into a generous and mission-shaped people who celebrate restoration and help others encounter new life in Christ. Amen.

FAMILY DEVOTION:

Week 2: Called to Give

Read: Acts 20:35 - *it is more blessed to give than to receive.*

Opening song: Hillsong Worship & Delirious? - I Give You My Heart

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9bQY2komrnA>)

Who doesn't like to receive gifts? There is a special excitement in unwrapping a present and discovering what's inside, whether it's something you specifically asked for or a complete surprise. Unfortunately, not everyone gets to experience this joy.

In Acts 20:35, Jesus reminds us that *"it is more blessed to give than to receive."* God calls us to prioritise giving over receiving, urging us to make generosity a way of life. When we answer this call to become faithful givers, we accomplish several meaningful things:

1. **We Show Love to Others:** Generosity puts God's love into action, offering tangible help and hope to those in need.
2. **We Point People to Our Faith:** When people see selfless generosity, it sparks curiosity and draws them closer to understanding the God we serve.
3. **We Build God's Church:** Our giving supports the ministry, provides resources, and helps expand the reach of the Gospel.

Our church offers many ways in which you can show God's love to others, point people to our faith, and build His church.

Reflection (Tweens & Teens)

Consider which of these ministries you can get involved in:

1. Tithes and Offering: this is not just for older people, you know 😊
2. Donate pre-loved clothes and toys
3. Stationery drive: join the children's church drive and donate stationery you haven't used
4. Christmas gift collection: the children's church collects this every year for young and old people

Family Activity

Each person commits to one way you can show God's love by getting involved with one or more of the tasks above.

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for teaching us generosity by giving us Jesus Christ. Help us to open our hearts and hands to those around us, so that through our giving, others may experience Your love, know our faith, and see Your Church grow. Amen.